GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1839
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2000
JOINT VENTURE WITH STATE GOVERNMENTS
THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the State Governments with whom the UnionGovernment have set up joint venture to expedite the process of providing railway-based transport system for urban and rural areas during the last two years;

(b) the details of progress made by such joint ventures; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Union Government to improve the railway amenities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is attached.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a)O(c) O F LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1839 FC 30.11.2000 ASKED BY SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT REGARDING JOINT VENTURE WITH STATE GOVERNMENTS.

(a): The Ministry of Railways haveentered in MOUto set u p Joint Ventures with the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka to expedite the process of providing railway-based transport system.

(b): Karnataka : A Joint Venture Company named K-RIDE will be formed to mobilizefunds to be gauranteed by the State Govt. alone, for certain identified rail projects in the States. The Ministry of Railways, Govt. of Karnataka, FIS/Banks/others will be the equity partners. An MOU has been signed.

Maharashtra: MRVC (Mumbai RailVikas Corporation) has been formed t o execute certain identified suburban projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 5618 Cr. Government of Maharashtra has agreed to share 50% of the cost o f the project. Ministry of Railways & Government of Maharashtra are 51:49 equity partner in the venture.

Andhra Pradesh: The purpose of MOUis to strengthen the existing suburban rail infrastructure and services in the city of Hyderabad and its suburbs a s a part of comprehensive multimodal suburban commuter transportation system f o r t h e Hyderabad Urban Agglomeration and its neighbourhoods. Ministry of Railways and the Government of Andhra Prradesh shall initially upgrade the fixed rail infrastructure on an equal cost sharing basis. A joint Task Force has been constituted. It will decide the role and structure of the joint venture company.

(c):Provision and augmentation of amenities at station is a continuous process. However, 209 stations have so far been selected as model station for the purpose of providing upgraded passenger amenities which include provision o f Standardised Signages, National Train Enquiry System and Self Printing Ticket Machines, improvement in Waiting Rooms/Booking Office,Toilet and in the deficiencies o f infrastructure facilities/passenger amenities, conversion of stalls into modular stalls a nd provision o f Automatic Vending Machines, improvement of circulating area, extension of foot-over bridge upto circulating area and computerisation of complaints.